

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/16/2010 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-11 and 13 are allowed.

The present invention is related to a system for audibly presenting electronic program guide information. The claims are allowed, in light of the amendment and the corresponding applicant's remarks indicating that the prior arts of record do not teach the system receiving EPG information where the information includes sentence fragments and converting the information into characters and proper sentences to produce speech as recited in the claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel D. Abebe whose telephone number is 571-272-7615. The examiner can normally be reached on monday-friday.

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